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Community Development Division
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Re: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 223X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company
– Abandonment – Between Licks Ford Spur and Elda, Mingo County,
West Virginia

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a copy of our notice of exemption filed with the Surface Transportation Board in the above proceeding on August 7, 2003. This notice contains our environmental report. I understand you were inadvertently left off the distribution list when the report was first submitted on May 23, 2001.

Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

Sincerely,

Sandra J. Gorby

cc: Ms. Rini Ghosh
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board